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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A motorcycle having front and rear wheels, said front wheel being steerably supported by a front fork with a head pipe, said rear wheel having suspension, said motorcycle comprising:

an engine having a front portion and a rear portion, said engine being provided with a case and a cylinder[.] block formed on an upper portion of said case, said engine including a cylinder head attached to said cylinder block, said cylinder head and said cylinder block forming a contact surface, said engine tilting forward in said motorcycle so that said contact surface tilts downward;

a front frame connecting the front portion of said engine with said head pipe, said front frame having upper and lower joining portions, said lower joining portions being joined to said engine, said lower joining portions being formed in an upper end portion of said cylinder block near the contact surface between said cylinder head and said cylinder block, said lower joining portions having a front side joining portion formed in an upper portion of a front end of said cylinder block and a rear side joining portion formed in an upper portion of a rear end of said cylinder block, said rear side joining portion being higher than said front side joining portion due to said engine tilt, said front frame further having a first end portion where the cylinder portion of the engine is joined to the frame, a second end portion where the front frame is connected with the head pipe, and a middle portion between said first and second end portions, said front and rear side joining portions each having a boss projecting inwardly from said first end portion so that said front and rear side joining portions do not project outwardly; and

a rear frame which is separate from said front frame connecting the rear portion of said engine with said suspension of said rear wheel;